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Report of Madagascar

Summary**

The report concerns the work carried out by Madagascar since the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, in particular the international training of trainers on toponymy, held in Antananarivo in 2013, and the development of toponymic guidelines.

The Government of Madagascar is aware of the importance of standardizing geographical names, especially for national sovereignty. It therefore intends to participate effectively in the various activities of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, in particular the implementation of the Gaborone action plan of 2011 on geographical names in Africa and the development of toponymic guidelines. Similar activities have been carried out in other countries, such as Tunisia in 2007, Burkina Faso in 2008, Kenya in 2009 and Cameroon in 2010.

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